

Warm Up Your Winter In Style

Tips For How To Have A Fabulous Winter Fete!

(NAPSA)—As winter sets in, many people would rather stay at home than head outdoors for a frosty night on the town. So if your weekend plans include slippers instead of stilettos, why not get some friends in on the fun? Chic home entertaining in the colder months is as easy as 1-2-3 with these stylish tips from Ecco Domani® Italian wines.

Fireside Feast

The first thing you'll need to do is set an easy, elegant menu for the evening. For a trendy way to dine by the fireside, why not go with fondue? Melt cheese in a stainless steel pot over a roaring fire and give guests funky swizzle sticks to spear pieces of bread and fruit for dipping. Pair your fondue with a fresh, crisp white wine like Ecco Domani 2004 Pinot Grigio. Its notes of lemon and grapefruit pair perfectly with the sharp taste of cheese and the balance of flavors is sure to impress your guests.

Dazzling Décor

It's easy to turn a regular home into a chic haven with a few simple tricks. Candlelight can add glitz and glamour to any room, so get ready to trade in your light bulbs for candlesticks. Modern, block-shaped candles make a statement in any interior. Make sure to pack away most of your holiday touches—remember, simplicity is key in creating a stylish look. Set out a few sleek vases filled with sprigs of holly berries for a seasonal, festive look. Finally, top off the setting by



throwing big velvet cushions on the floor. Guests can lounge fire-side while chatting with each other, giving the whole room the feel of a hip, European club.

Cater to Your Crowd

As the night winds down, why not send your guests off with a fashionable treat to help them remember the occasion? Goody bags are out, but grab bags are in! Fill a bag with unique, inexpensive mini-gifts for guests and let them each pick one as they head out the door. You can include a fashion magazine wrapped in a ribbon, a rhinestone-encrusted compact or a silver-plated cork pull. No matter what assortment of gifts you put in your grab bag, make sure it reflects all the style you've incorporated into the evening!

With these simple tips, your winter is sure to stay hot all season long. For more entertaining ideas and recipes, visit www.eccodomani.com